



WHERE THE HOSTILITIES BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES WILL PROBABLY OCCUR.

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BLOCKADE OF CUBA.

TORPEDO-BOAT PORTER FIRED ON BY A HABANA BATTERY.

TARGET-PRACTICE AT PORT CABANAS.

Another Little Lesson, Like That of Matanzas, Given the Spanish—Cavalry Fire on Cruiser New York With Small Arms!

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ON BOARD THE FLAGSHIP NEW YORK, April 23, 11 A. M., via KEY WEST, FLA., April 30.—The blockade continues as before. The flagship lies to the westward of Havana.

The torpedo-boat Porter, while close in to shore last night, reported having been fired upon by the Colimar battery, which is to the eastward of Morro Castle. The plucky little Porter escaped unscathed.

The coast of Cuba is being carefully patrolled by Spanish cavalry.

Captain Taylor, of the Indiana, came on board the flagship to-day, and had a long consultation with Rear-Admiral Sampson.

News of the movements of the United States army is eagerly awaited by the fleet, and there is much speculation as to when the troops will be ready.

While the Dauntless, the dispatch-boat of the Associated Press, was making her way from Key West early this morning, she was sighted by the flagship. The look-outs on the New York were unable to make out her identity, owing to the distance which separated her from the flagship, and a 4-inch shell was fired in her direction. It was not aimed at the Dauntless, but was only sent near enough to make her leave to the Dauntless, thinking she was being fired at by a Spaniard, promptly put about and steamed away. Then she was recognized, and a few minutes later the recognition became mutual, and the Dauntless ran alongside the New York. Later, she proceeded to Matanzas.

MINES AT MARIEL.

Learning that mines and earthworks were being placed and built at Mariel, in the Province of Pinar del Rio, not far from Havana, the flagship moved in that direction, accompanied by three torpedo-boats, but there was no sign of movement at Mariel, and the flagship proceeded to a point twenty-five miles west of Havana and about ten miles beyond Mariel. There suspicious movements were observed ashore, probably work on fortifications, and consequently the flagship fired three shots in that direction from one of her big guns. The firing, however, wrought no response, and the flagship returned to her station.

A strict watch against torpedo attack is being kept on board the flagship. All the available officers take deck-watches at night, including the chaplain, paymaster's clerk, and assistant surgeon.

The small craft captured by the Wilmington yesterday was only taken to Key West because her crew was made up of members of the Second Spanish Cavalry. It was thought, also, that they might be members of the crew of one of the torpedo gunboats, for which class of vessels a very sharp lookout is being kept.

THE CABANAS AFFAIR.

The full details of the Cabanas affair are that the New York was lying quietly outside the picturesque harbor of Cabanas, about two miles off shore, an inspection trip of the coast having just been completed. The flagship was accompanied by the torpedo-boats Porter and Erickson. A return to the station off Morro Castle, Havana, was contemplated, the band was playing its usual evening music, when from a hill to the westward of Cabanas harbor came the sound of volley firing. It was plainly a small-arms attack, though no smoke was seen. The enemy was thought to be hidden close to the beach, and in front of a ruined white building, which looked as if it had once been the "hacienda" of a tobacco plantation. Now and then individual firing was heard, and well-regulated volleys continued at intervals. It was conjectured that one troop of cavalry, dismounted, was doing the firing. The officers of the flagship stood on deck trying to ascertain definitely the exact location of the enemy, more amused than annoyed at this novel method of attacking an armored cruiser.

ANOTHER LESSON.

However, Rear-Admiral Sampson and Captain Chadwick decided that the lesson taught at Matanzas must be taught again at Cabanas. "Man the port battery," was the order. At a few minutes' notice the 4-inch guns in the after battery sent a shot flying over the water into Cuba's soil, raising a little

cloud of dust about one hundred yards in front of the hacienda, and just above where the cavalry stood. Before the hills, crowned with the evening mist, had ceased echoing, the other 4-inch gun in the after-battery had landed its projectile. A few more shots from this battery were fired, but the ground was evidently damp; no dust arose, and it was hard to tell where the shell fell. The shots were fired at 3,400 yards range. The Spaniards were not heard from after the first shot.

The New York then turned her bow eastward. The target-practice was apparently over for the evening. The ship's starboard batteries now bore on the coast. A moment or so later Captain Chadwick saw the Spanish cavalry, then mounted, ascending a hillside toward the hacienda, and he personally trained a 4-inch gun and planted two shots, the second one plunging right among the Spaniards, who scattered in all directions.

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON.

The New York then steamed ahead toward Morro Castle, and the band of the flagship continued its musical programme.

Most of the crew were on deck watching this little lesson given to the Spaniards, but there was no excitement.

The trip, which ended in the target-practice at Cabanas, commenced about noon, when the flagship, with the Erickson and the Porter, started westward. The Admiral was anxious to personally investigate the blockaded harbors.

Upon this occasion, the first good view of the city of Havana was obtained, the New York steaming within range of her batteries.

When out of range of the Santa Clara batteries, after passing the Iowa, Detroit, Mangrove, and Mayflower, the flagship proceeded westward, steaming about two miles distant from the shore.

FORTIFICATIONS OF MARIEL.

When Mariel, twenty-five miles from Havana, was reached, the flagship came to a standstill, and the gunboat Castine, which is guarding that port, was hailed. Captain Boyer thereupon went on board the flagship and had a consultation with the Admiral. A careful inspection of Mariel harbor revealed the presence of two small Spanish gunboats and four schooners, well in behind an old-fashioned martello tower on one side, and a flimsy little fort on the other. The combined battery of the two "fortifications" is one muzzle-loading cannon. The last blockade house of the westward trocha loomed up on a sharp bluff shadowing the little town.

After lying for 40 minutes close to this picturesque harbor, with its low, red-roofed warehouses, royal palms, and mountainous setting, the Admiral proceeded to Cabanas, saying jokingly to the correspondent that "Mariel looked altogether too peaceful to be disturbed."

It is believed, however, that in spite of its peaceful appearance, mines have been laid beneath the smooth waters of Cabanas harbor.

BOMBARDMENT OF MATANZAS.

Batteries Believed to Have Been Rendered Useless.

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ON BOARD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH-BOAT DAUNTLESS, via KEY WEST, FLA., April 30.—The Dauntless, the dispatch-boat of the Associated Press, returned to Key West this afternoon, after a fifty-four-hour cruise of 100 miles along the northern coast of Cuba.

The Cincinnati was visited by the Dauntless yesterday. Captain Chester and all the other officers of the cruiser are much pleased with the result of the bombardment of Wednesday. They believe they rendered the batteries of Matanzas useless, as they have given no signs of activity since then. The Spanish troops could easily be seen on shore from the deck of the Cincinnati.

No seizures have been made recently by any vessels of the fleet, though the Cincinnati held up a fishing schooner, whose crew was badly frightened. They offered their entire catch for their release. The schooner was allowed to go.

SPANIARDS SHY.

There are two small Spanish gunboats, which are evidently trying to escape from Cuban waters. Captain Evans, of the Iowa, told the correspondent that he had seen them a long distance off, but that they were very shy, and would not come near enough to be shot at, and afterwards ran back into port. It will be next to impossible for them to escape the vigilance of the squadron now.

Except the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII., a hopeless cripple, there is nothing in Havana harbor which could not be blown out of the water by the Mayflower or the Mangrove.

All the officers of the fleet positively hunger for news from the United States, particularly regarding the movements of the army, or the doings of the Spanish fleet at the Cape Verde Islands.

The Florida straightens are not a sheet of water to be selected for a pleasure cruise, particularly for a pleasure

cruise, particularly for 150-ton dispatch-boats or yachts such as are used for carrying dispatches. The lee sides of the boats are under water half the time, great volumes of spray dash over the pilot-house, and the land-lubbing war correspondents are thrown violently out of their berths at night. In addition, they have to take their meals while holding on to a stanchion with one hand. This has been the common order of things on board since the blockade commenced a week ago.

The prevailing easterly winds, blowing in a direction opposite that of the course of the Gulf stream, stir up an ugly sea in the narrow channel between the island of Cuba and the Florida Keys, which presents more terrors to the newspaper men than any contemplated engagement between the American and Spanish fleets.

DULL DAY AT KEY WEST.

The Partisan Treachery Incident—One Small Price—The Cashing.

KEY WEST, FLA., April 30.—This has been the dulllest day Key West has known since the beginning of the war. The only news of the fleet was the firing at Port Cabanas, which was exaggerated in the fashion peculiar to this community.

The latest phase of the Partisan incident, according to these reports, is that the eccentric sailor has confessed to an attempt to blow up the big monitor. The officers of the ship, including Captain Harrington, still maintain, however, that he is kept under restraint, because it is unwise to allow irresponsible persons to be at large on a man-of-war, and that the treason story is entirely baseless.

To-day's only prize was the little fishing-smack, Lola, loaded with fish for Havana, which was captured off the Cuban coast by the dispatch-boat Dolphin, which sent her in with a prize crew aboard. The captain of the Lola hove to when a blank shot was put across her bows, declaring that he would rather be captured by the Americans than enter General Blanco's service, which he would be compelled to do if he went into Havana.

Lieutenant Gleanes, in command of the torpedo-boat Cushing, is annoyed at the stories sent from here that the blowing out of the boat's receiver, a few days ago, was due to negligence. He says the boat had been in service for a number of years, and that the receiver was too old to bear high steam pressure. The Cushing is not incapacitated for service, and will be ready for action on short notice.

NORTH CAROLINA'S QUOTA.

Senator Butler Wishes It Enlarged—Negro Volunteers.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Senator Butler, of North Carolina, was at the War Department to-day, endeavoring to make arrangements by which his State will be permitted to furnish three regiments of infantry, instead of two. He says there are a large number of colored people in his State who can stand the climate of Cuba, and who are anxious to enlist, and if favorable action is taken in Congress for an additional number of regiments, the Senator thinks North Carolina will be permitted to send her desired quota.

STORM AT MATTERAS FRIGHTFUL.

Diamond Shoals Lightship Rides Out Gale Safely—Truck Injured.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 30.—A special to the Observer from Matteras says that the storm off the cape on the 27th and 28th was frightful. The wind blew from sixty to seventy-six miles, with occasional gusts of one hundred miles. The Diamond Shoals light-ship rode out the gale safely.

The trucking interests have been injured by the high tides.

Maryland Naval Reserves.

NORFOLK, VA., April 30.—(Special.)—Ninety-eight men of the Maryland naval reserves arrived this morning, and were transferred to the Franklin, making 263 men now here from that State.

PORTUGAL'S NEUTRALITY DECREE.

It is similar to the One Issued at Outbreak of Franco-German War.

LISBON, April 29.—The Official Gazette to-day publishes the neutrality decree of Portugal in the war between Spain and the United States. It is similar to the decree issued at the time of the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war, and contains six articles, as follows:

The first forbids the equipment of privateers in Portuguese waters.

The second forbids the entry of privateers into Portuguese ports.

The third permits belligerents to make a short stay at Portuguese ports.

The fourth defines legitimate trade as regards belligerents, and forbids trading in goods which may be considered contraband of war.

The fifth warns Portuguese and foreigners in Portugal against actions contrary to the security of the State.

The sixth refuses protection to any infringers of the decree.

VOYAGE OF THE PARIS

HOW THE FLEET LINER KEPT OUT OF HARM'S WAY.

SHE SAW NO SPANISH WARSHIPS.

She Brings Sixteen Cases of Munitions of War—She Will Be Turned Over to the Navy Forthwith, and Be Renamed the Yale.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The American line steamer Paris arrived this morning from Southampton, after a voyage of seven days, seventeen hours, and forty-five minutes, with nine saloon, forty-two second-cabin, and ninety-eight steerage passengers.

The Paris left Southampton April 23 at 2:45 P. M. After clearing the land, Captain Watkins shaped his course about north, and after a run of thirty miles headed for home, keeping a distance of about thirty miles from the coast usually taken in previous trips. Captain Watkins had no fear that a Spanish war vessel would catch his fleet steamer, after she got sea-room, but it was thought possible that some craft of the enemy might be lurking in the vicinity of the channel, or in the neighborhood of the Irish coast, to waylay the American craft. At night every light on board of the Paris was extinguished, and dead-lights were covered. A strict watch was maintained to detect the approach of vessels.

Leaving the Lizard with the wind southeast, then north, northeast, and very light, the weather became overcast, and a long, westerly swell prevailed.

A GALE.

This change of weather continued until the wind became westerly, and commencing on the 23d, the wind increased to a gale, and rough seas, with fog, rain, and generally thick weather, prevailed.

On the American coast a heavy northeast gale, with high head-gens, was encountered.

The Paris sighted the White Star steamer Majestic on April 23d, at 5:43 A. M., in latitude 48.35, longitude 42.23, and at 7:20 P. M. on the same day passed a freight steamer of the White-Star Line, bound east. Nothing else was seen on the way across.

The Paris brought sixteen cases of munitions of war, and a small quantity of miscellaneous merchandise. The Paris entered the Narrows, through the field of mines and torpedoes, at 6:30 this morning, and was saluted by the steam whistles of passing craft as she went to her dock.

It is said that the Paris will discharge her cargo to-day, and will be received by the naval authorities to-morrow morning, when her name will be changed to the Yale.

The Paris has a crew of 289, and two mail-clerks. She also brought two stow-aways.

OLD NORTH STATE TROOPS.

To Be in Camp by Monday Afternoon—A Substitution.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 30.—(Special.)—The order to the companies composing the First Regiment of volunteers are that they shall all be in camp here by 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. The company at Greenville, it was discovered to-day, had failed to volunteer to go anywhere out of the United States. It was immediately stricken from the roll of the First Regiment of volunteers, and the Goldsboro' Rifles, a veteran company of the State, was put in its place. The Rifles had been designated as Company A, of the Second Volunteers.

"Camp Bryan Grimes" is nearly completed. Two hundred and ninety-four men are up. The water supply is pumped from a spring through a thousand yards of pipe. Seven hundred more tents are to be pitched for other organizations when they arrive.

NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS.

A Meeting, a Dinner, and a Fine Speech.

WELDON, N. C., April 30.—(Special.)—Bill Johnston Camp, Confederate Veterans, gave the old soldiers of Halifax and Northampton counties a big dinner at Emory's Hall here to-day. General William Ransom was the orator of the day, and he delivered a magnificent speech, in which he forcibly set forth the heroic deeds of the southern soldiers in the struggle for four long years against the great resources it had to draw from. General Ransom, in recounting the deeds of North Carolina soldiers, said he thanked God that while he lived his good old State had never known where the dividing line was between his State and Virginia. He made a grand appeal to the patriotic men of North Carolina in the present war between Spain and the United States, urging upon them that now that war had been declared to be true to their State, and true to their country.

Colonel F. M. Parker, and others made brief addresses also.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: Major T. L. Emory, commander; R. W. Brown, secretary.

Dinner was served in fine style, and the young ladies of the town acted as waitresses, and the old soldiers felt their hearts grow young again.

THE FEDERAL HOUSE.

Conference Report on Naval Appropriation Bill Rejected.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—To-day's session of the House was devoted chiefly to the consideration of the conference report on the naval appropriation bill, reported by Chairman Boutwell. The report was rejected, after three hours of debate and a further conference will follow.

The only ground upon which the fight against the report was made was found in the Senate amendment to compensate naval officers for government use of their inventions, and authorizing them to have their claims for such compensation adjudicated in the Court of Claims. Mr. Boutwell led the support of the amendment, and Messrs. Cannon and Savers the opposition. A resolution, introduced by Mr. Cannon, insulating the amendment, was adopted, and the naval bill was then again sent to conference.

The Speaker named as conferees upon the part of the House Messrs. Cannon, W. A. Stone, and Weaver. The conferees of the Senate were Mr. Chandler, Mr. Latham, and Mr. Lusk. The House adjourned.

At 4:20 P. M. the House adjourned. The Senate was not in session to-day.

ON THE APPOMATTOX.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED IN THE COCKADE CITY.

Deaths—The Coming Democratic

Convention—Distinguished Visitors Expected—A Bad Collision of Locomotives—Personals and Briefs.

PETERSBURG, VA., April 30.—(Special.)—Mrs. Edwards, wife of Mr. John C. Edwards, a well-known engineer on the Norfolk and Western railroad, died at her husband's residence, in this city, this morning, after a protracted illness of consumption.

Mr. Leonard Jamieson, a popular young citizen, died at his home on Commerce street, this morning, of meningitis; aged 26 years. His illness was only of a few days' duration. Mr. Jamieson very recently joined the Petersburg Grays to serve his country during the present war.

It is announced that Congressmen Rhea and Wheeler, of Kentucky; Henry, of Texas, and Brooker, of Michigan, who are warm friends of Hon. Sidney P. Epes, will attend the Democratic District Convention, which meets in this city on Tuesday night next. The convention will meet in the Hustings Court room, and the delegates of the above distinguished gentlemen will doubtless be called upon for a speech. The attendance of delegates from the several counties of the district is expected to be large, and there is no doubt that Mr. Epes will be renominated by acclamation. Special rates have been arranged at the hotels for the delegates.

A rather serious collision, the result of a misunderstanding of signals, occurred this afternoon near the Union Depot. The shifting engine of the Norfolk and Western road was moving a train of freight-cars eastward, and the shifting engine of the Atlantic-Coast line was backing with some cars southward, each engineer supposing that he had the right of way. The latter engine backed into the engine of the Norfolk and Western railroad, upsetting it and causing the derailment of two cars. Fortunately, no one was hurt. It required some time to clear the track.

Rev. J. C. Davidson, of Baltimore, will preach Sunday morning and night at the Second Baptist church, in this city.

Rev. R. T. Wilson, pastor of the Market-Street Methodist Episcopal church, will preach a special sermon Sunday night to our military companies.

The Circuit Court of Prince George county will open its spring term on the 9th, instead of the 7th of May. The chancery docket will engage most of the attention of the court.

HEARD IN IRVINGTON.

Oyster Season Over—Two Negroes Drawn—Mrs. Chilton Dead.

IRVINGTON, VA., April 30.—(Special.)—Thousands of dollars have been swept away from the fishermen during the storm this week. Nearly all the deep water nets on the western side of the bay have been destroyed. The season is so nearly over that few will replace the nets. The revenue to the State under the new law taxing fish will be but small this season, owing to the fact that the new Board of Fisheries had not sufficient time to collect licenses before fishing was done with.

John Kelly and Lester Willis, both colored oystermen, were drowned in the Rappahannock river. It appears that they were on their way home, sailing with a fair wind, when the sail jibed, capsizing the canoe, and this being heavy with ballast, immediately sank. The body of Lester Willis was recovered, but the other is still missing.

OSTER SEASON OVER.

Monday was the last day of the oyster season. Those engaged in the business have very little to be thankful for this season. Markets have been exceedingly dull and prices low. How to account for this continued condition has puzzled wiser heads than ours. The continued stringency of the times, no doubt, has had much to do with it, but possibly a more potent factor may be found in the fact that the area of planted oysters is increasing yearly, leaving little or no market for the tongs from the natural rocks. The great quantity of James river seed oysters planted here and taken to other States may eventually prove a curse to thousands who have hitherto depended upon oystering for a livelihood.

On last Sunday night, while T. R. Tellefsen (an invalid) and his wife were at home, and other members of the family were at church, some one entered the house, broke into a trunk, and took from it \$41 in cash. The deed was evidently committed by a person acquainted with the house.

Hon. T. Spicer Curlett has been for some time, and still is, seriously sick. He has been confined to his bed for the past ten days.

MRS. CHILTON DEAD.

A few days since the county of Lancaster was shocked at the news of the death of the estimable wife of William Chilton, Clerk of Lancaster County Court. The departed mother left nine small children, one an infant.

On Wednesday last the Methodist Episcopal church at this place was the scene of a beautiful marriage, the contracting parties being Miss Lida Cox, of this place, and Mr. Oliver J. Shriners, of Northumberland county.

Lancaster's Board of Supervisors has decided to sell the poor-house property and adopt some other system. Sometimes the place is without an inmate.

The Northern Neck railroad seems to be now an assured thing. Mr. W. McDonald Lee, editor of the Virginia Citizen, of this place, has supervision of the work, and is devoting his time to its advancement.

A jolly party left here on Captain Messick's steamer last Monday to go a-whaling. It was reported that the whale, which had been disposing himself in the York river, had stranded near the mouth of the river. When the party arrived there was early a whale to be seen. They were informed that the Leviathan was ashore up the river half way to West Point. But they had had enough, and one of the party on the homeward trip regaled the company with the words of the old opera:

"In the North sea lived a whale,
Big in bone and large in tail;
And—oh, and—oh! the ladies loved him so."

THE TENTH DISTRICT.

Senator Flood Secures the Allegheny County Delegation.

CLIFTON FORGE, VA., April 30.—(Special.)—A mass-meeting of Democrats of Allegheny county was held in the Opera-House here to-day. Its object was to select delegates to the Tenth Congressional District Convention, which will be held in Covington at a future date. The meeting, which was a very large one, was called to order by W. F. Tinsley, county chairman, when C. S. Shepherd, Esq., of Covington, Allegheny county, was appointed chairman, and Messrs. W. H. Frenger and George W. Warren secretaries.

The Flood men nominated John T. Denney, Esq., of Covington, for permanent chairman, and the Quakers men put in nomination Mr. O. B. Smith, of Clifton Forge. The result of this vote was the election of Mr. Denney by a handsome majority, as he came forward as the presiding officer of the convention. A committee was appointed to select fourteen delegates to the Covington convention, all of whom are in favor of Mr. Flood. This action, which was entirely fair, gives Allegheny county to Mr. Flood, and it is safe to say that among his warmest supporters in the coming contest none will be more loyal than the Quakers men. At least a dozen substantial Republicans were present in the convention, and enrolled their names, pledging themselves to support the nominee of the Covington convention.

THE FISH TRAPS INJURED.

Northampton People Suffer Much Damage by the Wind.

HEATHSVILLE, VA., April 30.—(Special.)—The fishermen believe that the gale of Wednesday and Thursday will almost break up the fishing-trap industry for the season. They fear that many of the traps are so demolished that the owners will never be able to find them. The loss will be an enormous one, but further developments have not been the only sufferers. All of the young tomato plants for the early crop that are out have perished, and will be a total loss. Some have held plants in reserve, but many have planted all in the fields. The heavy winds have blown many of the plants over, and most of the tender plants have been broken off at the ground.

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Agents Not Alarmed, But Other Persons Uneasy.

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